cluded official level talks with China;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have not taken so far any steps to get the Chinese occupation of our territory vacated; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The question of the Chinese intrusion into the Sumdorong Chu valley was raised by the Government of India not only at the 8th Round of Official level Talks but also on previous occasions with the Chinese Government.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

China Bhavan at Visvabharati university

2344. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China is showing a great deal of interest for the renovation of China Bhavan at the Visvabharati University;

(b) whether it is also a fact that China is keen for improving political and cultural relations with India and for this purpose it wants China Bhavan as the meeting place for both sides; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to see that the two countries come closer to each other and settle their differences in a peaceful way?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) While the Chinese Government has said that they are optimistic about the prospects for the improvement of bilateral relations between India and China, we are not aware of any interest expressed by China for the renovation of China Bhavan or its utilization as a meeting place for both sides.

Government would like to revitalize relations with China in all fields for mutual benefit. These matters are under discussion with the Chinese Government.

Deportation of Win Chaddha

2345. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of the United States have declined to deport Mr. Win Chaddha and his son former Bofors' agents in New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the U.S. laws do not permit deportation of Chaddhas as they are the legal and permanent residents of the United States and have valid green card status; and

(c) if so, whether there are any other possible avenues by which Government can secure the deportation of Chaddhas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The U.S authorities are looking into government's request for deportation of Mr. Win Chaddha and his son.

Appointment of IAS officers interested in rural development

2346. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to appoint IAS officers interested in rural development to work with voluntary agencies;

(b) whether it is also a fact that officers are being deputed to work with these agencies on a voluntary

basis or asked to take study leave to work in the voluntary sector;

(c) whether it is also a fact that promotions of IAS officers at the district level are being linked to their involvement in the developmental work at the village level; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) There is no proposal as such for deputing IAS officers to work in voluntary agencies or requiring them to take study leave to work in the voluntary sector connected with rural development. However, under the Service rules, an IAS officer may be deputed, if he is willing, for service under an autonomous body not controlled by Government in consultation with the State Government on whose cadre he is borne. He may also be granted study leave for carrying out studies in approved voluntary agencies connected with rural development.

(c) and (d) Promotions of IAS Officers and posting in districts are made by State Governments concerned on the basis of their experience & performance in the assignments in which they are depoloyed which may include development work at village level.

'China raises Arunachal issue again' a news item

2347. SHRI F. M. KHAN:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the 'The Hindustan Times' dated the 11th February, 1988 under the caption 'China raises Arunachal issue again';

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any protest has been lodged with the Chinese authorities, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The news item appears to be based on a report carried by the Chinese news agency Xnihua of February 11, 1988, on some remarks made by the Spokesperson of the Chinese Foreign Office on the 10th February. The Spokesperson of the Chinese Foreign Office said, amongst other things, that China would never recognise either the "illegal McMohom Line" or the "so-called Arunachal Pradesh". The Spokesperson also said that China did not constitute a threat to India.

(c) Government have consistantly held that the customary, traditional boundary between India and China in the Eastern Sector has been furtheir formalised by the McMahon Line. Our policy of maintaining peace and tranquility along the border and of seeking the settlement of all issues through peaceful negotiations has been stated on several occasions and was reiterated as recently as the 11th February by our official Spokesman. Government have rejected the Chinese objection to the grant of statehood to Arunachal Pradesh, since Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part of the Indian Union. Government's, position is well known to the Chinese Government.